

**MINUTES OF THE
COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION COUNCIL
February 10, 2016
Richmond Hill City Center, Richmond Hill, GA
10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas Ratcliffe called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Invocation was provided by CRC Vice Chairman Jimmy Burnsed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reggie Loper, Craig Root, Jimmy Burnsed, Donald Lovette, Ken Lee, John Morrissey, Walter Gibson, Harold Fowler, Allen Brown, Tom Ratcliffe, Preston Dees, Priscilla D. Thomas, Pat Parker, Phil Phillips, Dan Coty, David Boland, Graylan Quarterman, Herb Jones, Shaw McVeigh, Chap Bennett, Eddie DeLoach, Wyck Newberry, Chris Blaine, Julie Martin, and Dale Provenzano.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Wilson, Kelly Spratt, Jason Coley, Sean Register, Jimmy Starline, Dwight Gordon, Jan Moore, Ray Howard, Allen Amason, Hugh Hodge, and Gwendolyn Davis.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Elliott, Fort Stewart.

GUESTS: Nathaniel Thomas; Benjamin Stephaun and Eric Berisford, Fort Stewart; Tony Chiarieh and Jack Garvin, Effingham Democratic Party; Paul Teague, Atlanta Gas Light; Farran Fullilove, Camden County, AAA Advisory Council; Joe Parker, Freelance Reporter and Scott Steilen, Sea Island.

STAFF PRESENT: Allen Burns, Executive Director; Lena Geiger, Finance Director; Don Masisak, Transportation Director; Dionne Lovett, Aging Services Director; Lupita McClenning, Planning & Gov't Services Director; Bill Compton, Senior Planner/Grant Specialist; Meizi Wolven, Grant Specialist and Colletta Harper, Administrative Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 13th meeting.

Motion: Herb Jones
Second: Graylan Quarterman
Vote: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Area Agency on Aging Area Plan of FY 2017-2020 – *(See Attachments 1, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)* Mr. Farran Fullilove, Aging Services Advisory Council Chairman/Vice Chairman greeted council members and requested a moment of silence for Reverend Lloyd Dees, Aging Services Advisory Council Chairman. Aging Services Director Dionne Lovett provided a PowerPoint overview of the Area Plan for Aging Services for FY 2017-2020. The purpose of the Area Plan is to enhance the aging network and service delivery systems for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The Aging program runs on a four-year cycle and competitive bids were sent out for service providers. There are two new service providers this year – ResCare Home Care for In-Home Services in Bulloch County and Heavenly Devine Blessing for Home-Delivered Meals in Camden County. Currently Adult Day Care (ADC) is provided in Chatham, Liberty, and Glynn Counties; however, we are beginning discussions with Coastal Manor for ADC in Long County.

The Georgia DAS State Plan has adopted the goals provided by Administration for Community Living (ACL), so each AAA has the same goals but can have different approaches to achieving the goals. This eliminates the step of the State having to approve each AAA's goals. Funding for the next fiscal year is still questionable. The DHS Director, Dr. James Bulot, has resigned and his replacement will not take office until April 1. Also, the CCSP program has been removed from the Division of Aging Services to the Department of Community

Health, we're not sure how this will affect funding. We've been told to prepare our budgets like we normally do, but be prepared for the worst. A projected budget sheet was passed out with the understanding that it could change in two weeks.

Currently the AAA serves approximately 1,700 unique individuals throughout our region with approximately 1,700 (duplicate numbers since some are on more than one list) on the waiting list for services. Secretary Ken Lee stated that since Reverend Dees was from Effingham County, and that getting services for the elderly was his passion, maybe something could be set up for donations in his honor. Ms. Lovett stated she thought this was a good idea and would speak with his family.

Ms. Lovett stated that the Aging Services Advisory Council met in January and approved the Area Plan and was recommending it for approval by the CRC Council. A motion was made to approve the Area Agency on Aging Area Plan for FY17-FY20.

Motion: Shaw McVeigh
Second: Dr. Priscilla Thomas
Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Ratcliffe requested that once the budget becomes clear she should formulate and report back to the Council. Ms. Lovett stated she would.

Approval of Resolution for CRC to develop a DRI Pre-Application Form for local governments who elect for a technical analysis above and beyond the minimum DCA requirements – (See Attachment 2, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.) – Mr. Bill Compton, Senior Planner/Grant Specialist reminded members that the new rules shorten the DRI timeline from 170 days to 30 days and changes the CRC's role in the DRI process from providing an analysis and opinion of the project to basically just being a communicator of the DRI to affected parties and commenting if it affects the Regional Plan. The CRC proposes the development of Regional Impact Pre-Application form, for local governments who elect to have a technical analysis above and beyond the minimum requirements required by DCA, to be submitted to the CRC prior to the submittal of DRI forms to DCA which then officially begins the DRI process. A motion was made to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Graylan Quarterman
Second: Walter Gibson
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Resolution Recognizing Georgia City-County Management Association's (GCCMA) 60th Year of Service- (See Attachment 3, attached herein and made a part of these minutes. A motion was made to approve the Resolution as presented by Executive Director Burns.

Motion: Shaw McVeigh
Second: Walter Gibson
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Authorizing Resolutions to enter into Contract with DHS for Transportation Services – (See Attachment 4, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.) Donald J. Masisak, Transportation Director, explained we again have to have the Council's authorization for the Executive Director to execute contracts on behalf of the Council. A motion was made to approve the Authorizing Resolution.

Motion: Shaw McVeigh
Second: David Boland
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Appointment to CADD Board of Directors – (See Attachment 5, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.) A motion was made to approve the appointment of Jon Seagraves (Bryan County) to the CADD Board of Directors.

Motion: Walter Gibson
Second: Chairman Jimmy Burnsed
Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS

Sea Island – Mr. Scott Steilen, President, Sea Island Acquisition provided an overview of Sea Island. Sea Island was a family-owned business established in 1928 which filed bankruptcy in December 2010. Four owners purchased the business and hired Mr. Steilen to manage. At the time of bankruptcy, Sea Island was primarily doing real estate; new ownership worked to take the company back to what it previously was. Internally, a great team was already in place; pay raises and bonuses were re-established and employees were given the tools needed to run the business. The company also worked to make it easier to do business with Sea Island and eliminated a lot of paperwork. The leadership set goals and worked toward them - Sea Island is a family destination known for its southern charm and heritage. Successful marketing efforts, changes, and renovations have put the company back in the black; employment has increased from 1,200 to 2,000 and is anticipated to grow even more. The company is looking to do an economic impact study to determine the value of the company to Glynn County and the region.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update on GARC – Mr. David Boland, CRC GARC Policy Official stated he attended a meeting on February 4th in Atlanta at DCA Headquarters. The State GIO position is expanding by having the GARC serve as a catalyst to provide mapping services to state agencies. More information will be provided in the future, but this is a great opportunity for all of the regional commissions to showcase their mapping capabilities.

Project Status Reports - (See Attachments 6, 7, and 8 attached herein and made a part of these minutes.) Executive Director Burns noted that the transportation deficit is down to \$58,000 and he hopes the trend will continue in that direction.

CADD Report: No questions were raised regarding the CADD report. (See Attachment 9, attached herein and made a part of these minutes.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Travel costs for the month, as now mandated by our State Audit, were \$69 to travel to the GARC Executive Directors/Policy Officials meeting in Atlanta.
- Charles Wilson, the Governor's educational appointment has advised that he will be resigning his position since he has been unable to participate in the meetings. If anyone has a Superintendent or Board of Education Chairman that would be willing to serve, please let me know and I will provide the information to the Governor.
- The Coastal Advisory Council held their meeting at our office; the Boy Scouts have used our facility. If you need meeting space, please let me know.

- The Bridge Run is this weekend in Brunswick and the Aging Services Department has rounded up a group that will be participating, including me.
- The primary is coming up in March.
- Friday is Georgia Day (but not a holiday) – honoring the colonial founding of Georgia, in Ann, aka Savannah which was Georgia's first city and also the first capital of Georgia.
- Legislation that our cities and counties should be aware of:
 - SB 326 on Soil Erosion
 - SR 730 Coastal Georgia Greenway
 - HB4 Utilities interbasin transfer
 - HB14 approving of federal funds by the General Assembly.

Announcements

Shaw McVeigh commented that the CRC should take the lead when Georgia celebrates its 300th anniversary since our region is the beginning of Georgia. It was agreed that was a good idea

Chairman Donald Lovette stated on February 20th there would be an Appreciation Banquet in Midway in honor of former Mayor Jim Thomas. He will forward more information to the Executive Director.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m., with lunch following.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Richmond Hill City Center at 10:00 a.m.**